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RE: USSN 09/830227

Timmers et al

Our Reference Number: O 98411

Please accept the documents that follow in the above identified application:

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LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

January 9, 2004

Sir:

RESPONSE

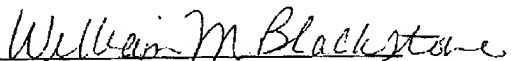
In reply to the Office Action issued December 24, 2003, as pointed out in the Remarks accompanying the Amendment filed February 4, 2003, the same Amendment in which claim 9 was first cancelled, after replacing "D" with "W" in formula 1 the remaining use of "D" in that claim was the conventional usage to denote right hand configuration. This is the purpose for which "D" is used in claim 1 and it is not an objectionable abbreviation, as explained in that Amendment.

As claims 1-6 and 10 were placed in condition for allowance by the Amendment filed February 4, 2003, immediate issuance of a Notice of Allowance and expedited issuance of the patent is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR PATENT TERM RESTORATION

Applicants request that the patent term lost between placing the claims in condition for allowance on February 4, 2003 and this date, January 9, 2004, be restored as all subsequent rejections and objections have been directed to matters that had already been corrected.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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